

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
AUGUST 17, 2005 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

At 7:32 PM, Director Charles R. Sullivan opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Sullivan stated the meeting was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

On roll call, the following Freeholders were present: Lee R. Ware, Beth E. Timberman, Bruce L. Bobbitt, R. Benjamin Simmermon, Jr., C. David Sparks, Jr., Susan A. Bestwick and Charles R. Sullivan. A quorum was present.

Motion was made by Mr. Ware that the reading of the Minutes of July 20, 2005 meeting be dispensed with and that the Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. Mr. Bobbitt seconded his motion. The motion to accept the minutes carried by hand vote of 7/0.

There was no motion to waive the Rules of the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING

Bond Ordinance No. 2005-02

Ordinance Providing for Capital Improvements of the County of Salem, State of New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$288,429.00 Consisting of an Amount Currently Appropriated in the County of Salem General Capital Fund.

Motion was made by Mr. Ware to open the Public Hearing with second by Mr. Bobbitt with all in favor. There were no public comments. Motion was made by Mr. Ware to close the Public Hearing with second by Mr. Bobbitt with all in favor. Motion was made by Mr. Ware to adopt the Bond Ordinance No. 2005-02 with second by Mr. Bobbitt with roll call vote of seven affirmative, zero nay.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Citations Honoring Participants of the One-Stop Career Program were read.

- Michael Jarmon
- Ruth Sorrell
- Omar Wilkens

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

Frank J. Cianfrani, Chief, Regulatory Branch, US Army Corps of Engineers – Public Notice to solicit comments and recommendations concerning issuance of a Department of the Army permit for work located at the following areas:

- Beaver Brook, NJ
- Pepper Creek, Dagsboro, Sussex County, DE
- Little Mill Creek, Town of Elsmere, New Castle County, DE
- Bethany Beach and South Bethany Storm Damage Reduction Project, Sussex County, DE
- Delaware Bay, Maurice River Township, Cumberland County, NJ
- Big Timber Creek, Boroughs of Bellmawr & Runnemede, Camden County and Borough of Westville and Township of Deptford, Gloucester County, NJ

Roberto Rodriguez, Governor's Representative, Director, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety – notice that the funding of the Salem Comprehensive Child Passenger Safety Program has been approved in the amount of \$15,000

Todd R. Hirt, Diagnostic Team Leader, Railroad Engineering and Safety Unit, Department of Transportation – notice that the Commission of the New Jersey Department of Transportation initiated a review of Gershal Avenue in conjunction with a Department bridge replacement project for improvements to State Highway Route 56

Paul F. Schneider, Supervising Engineer, Railroad Engineering & Safety Unit, Department of Transportation – copy of the Diagnostic Team’s Memorandum of Record for Gershel Avenue

Ira G. Megdal, Cozen O’Connor Attorneys – Notice of Amended Filing and Public Hearing in the matter of the petition of South Jersey Gas Company to change the level of its basic gas supply service clause

Frank Spencer, Chairman, South Jersey Transportation Authority – copy of the Authority’s annual report “40 Years of Service – With More to Come”

Colleen Arndt, CPHT, Director of Operations, Garden State Pharmacy Owners Provider Services Corporation – June report of the Salem County Prescription Savings Program

John D. Strait, Plant Manager, DuPont Chambers Works – notice of filing the necessary applications to pursue expanding the on-site Secure Landfill into Cell 7

Morris County – 2 resolutions:

- resolution opposing legislation to eliminate the County Medical Examiners Office
- resolution urging federal assistance to help control white-tailed deer populations

Borough of Westwood – resolution opposing exclusion of State from CAP Law “Goose and the Gander”

Herbert W. Roeschke, Public Health Coordinator – copy of the award letter for the Local Core Capacity Infrastructure for Bioterrorism Preparedness Grant

Dante Rieti, Cumberland/Salem Workforce Investment Board – notice of the Work First New Jersey Allocations for PY 2005-06 (Workforce Investment Act - \$592,607)

Virginia Saull, President, NAMI of Salem County – letter of thanks for the \$1,000 funding through the Mental Health Board

Ron Rukenstein, Ron Rukenstein & Associates – Cross-Acceptance III Update

Andree’ Robinson-Neal – letter of resignation as a member of the Salem County Commission on Women

Center for Family Services, Inc. – 211/FCH Salem County quarterly report (4/1/05-6/30/05)

Jack Lettiere, Commissioner, State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation – notice that the FY2006 County Aid Program is underway and that Salem County will receive a New Jersey Department of Transportation County Aid allotment of \$1,478,000 from the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund

Charles R. Sullivan, Director Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders & Earl Gage, Mayor Salem City - letter to Mark Burgess, CEO Anchor Glass regarding the recent Chapter 11 filing.

Mr. Ware requested this final piece of correspondence be read into the record which was approved by Director Sullivan (see attached)

Director Sullivan stated that he created the Task Force for Anchor Glass in order to evaluate all of the opportunities that exist at the local, county and state level to assist this corporation with their restructuring. He commented that keeping the 350 jobs at the Anchor Glass plant in Salem was essential to the County’s fiscal stability and that the ripple effect should the plant be closed would be in the millions of dollars. He comments that the task force has been hard at work developing a business retention plan that would be presented to top Anchor Glass officials in Tampa next week.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

For the Month of May
Office for the Disabled

For the Month of June
Office for the Disabled
Southern Railroad Company of New Jersey
Weights & Measures
For the Month of July
Office of the Disabled
Shelter of Hope (Ranch Hope) Population Report
Veterans Services and Interment
Weights & Measures

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Inter-Agency Council August General Membership and Board Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Ware that the Correspondence, Departmental Reports, and Committee/Commission Minutes be received and filed with Mr. Bobbitt seconding his motion. Upon discussion, Mrs. Bestwick inquired what affect the State's delay in approving Salem County's Cross Acceptance Plan was having on our local municipalities. Director Sullivan said that a State letter which he delivered to Mr. Rukenstein had changed the plan filing requirements and that the County now had to submit their plan on a compact disc. The Director said both he and Mr. Rukenstein were frustrated by the new requirement but that Mr. Rukenstein made the requirement a priority to complete the submission as soon as possible. Mrs. Bestwick hopes that the State will be pushed to quickly review the plan due to development pressures upon municipalities such as Pilesgrove. Director Sullivan said that Mr. Rukenstein is authoring a letter along Mrs. Bestwick's thoughts and that he agreed with Mrs. Bestwick's assessment and wished the County had more influence on the state in completing their review process. Mrs. Timberman stated that she hoped that since Salem County had submitted their plan to the State first, that it would be the first reviewed. She said the original submission was in qualitative format with the State now requesting quantitative format. The motion was carried by a vote of 7/0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion was made by Mr. Ware that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bobbitt, which was carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Mr. Ware that the Treasurer's Report be received, filed and made available to the public. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bobbitt, which was carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

The Clerk of the Board/Administrator read resolutions in block by committee with Board concurrence.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Sullivan, Ware, Bobbitt

R2005-315	Finance Resolution Cancellation of Check (Check # - 38625)
R2005-316	Finance Resolution Cancellation of Check (Check # - 35851)
R2005-317	Finance Resolution Cancellation of Check (Check # - 035390)
R2005-318	Resolution Authorizing Vacation of Small Cities Mortgage Lien
R2005-319	Resolution Awarding a Contract with Penn Services Group, Inc. for the County of Salem
R2005-320	Resolution Authorizing the Salem County Purchasing Agent to Purchase Materials, Supplies, and Equipment for the County of Salem through New Jersey State Contracts
R2005-321	Resolution Authorizing Revisions to the Purchasing Procedures Policy Manual

R2005-322 Resolution Approving Signatories for Required Bank Account (Account 5115936588 – Salem County Nursing Home)

R2005-323 Resolution Approving Signatories for Required Bank Account (Account 6006310 – Salem County Nursing Home)

R2005-324 Resolution Authorizing the Public Sale of Surplus Vehicles and Various other Equipment Deemed not Needed for Public Use by the County of Salem and for Surplus Vehicles and other Equipment Deemed not Needed by the Governing Bodies of the Participating Members of the Salem County Cooperative Pricing System Number 75-SCCPS

R2005-325 Resolution Appointing an Auctioneer to Conduct a Public Sale for the Salem County Cooperative Pricing System Number 75-SCCPS (D. Austin Smith)

R2005-326 Resolution Amending Resolution 2004-484 Setting Job Classification Titles and Ranges for 2004

Mr. Ware moved for adoption of the ten resolutions with Mr. Bobbitt seconding his motion. Mrs. Bestwick referred to Resolution R2005-324 and requested that local school districts be notified of the date of the auction and surplus items that will be offered. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7/0.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE –Simmermon, Ware, Bestwick

R2005-327 Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 for Providing Architectural and Design Work for the County of Salem – The Alms House

R2005-328 Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Provision of Veterans Transportation Services for the County of Salem (\$13,000 – B.R. Williams, Inc.)

Mr. Simmermon moved for adoption of these two resolutions with Mr. Ware seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7/0.

COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Bestwick, Sullivan, Sparks

No business came before this committee at this meeting.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Sparks, Timberman, Simmermon

R2005-329 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A: Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$65,000 – Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan 06-57-CCC-L-2)

R2005-330 Resolution Authorizing the Freeholder Director and the Clerk of the Board to Sign the Health Service Grant Renewal Application for the 2005 Local Core Capacity Infrastructure for Bioterrorism Preparedness (\$592,669)

R2005-331 Resolution Issuing change Order Number 003 for Additional Adult Day Care and Congregate Services (\$20,134 – South Jersey Healthcare Homecare)

R2005-332 Resolution Issuing Change Order Number 004 for Additional Home Delivered Meal Services (\$2,494 – Meals-On-Wheels)

R2005-333 Resolution Issuing Change Order Number 005 for Additional Physical Health Services (\$1,539 – John Campbell Center)

R2005-334 Resolution Issuing Change Order Number 006 for Additional Physical Health Services (\$1,539 – Young Men's Christian Association)

R2005-335 Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract for a Coordinator to Advance the Development of a Cancer Coalition for the New Jersey Cancer Education Early Detection Program for the County of Salem (\$46,000 – Edena Mallory-Church)

R2005-336 Resolution Amending Resolution #2005-68, Authorizing a Contract for Adolescent Outpatient Services as Related to the Salem County Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

R2005-337 Resolution Amending Resolution #2005-70, Authorizing a Contract for Adult Outpatient Services as Related to the Salem County Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

R2005-338 Resolution Amending an Existing Contract for the Provision of Sub Acute Detoxification Services as Related to the Salem County Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

R2005-339 Resolution Amending an Existing Contract for the Provision of Adult Residential Services as Related to the Salem County Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

R2005-340 Resolution Appointing a Member to the Salem County Board of Social Services (John Maganaro)

Mr. Sparks moved for adoption of the twelve resolutions with Mrs. Timberman seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7/0.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – Ware, Bobbitt, Simmermon

R2005-341 Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Executing and Accepting a Grant from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice for the Prosecutor's Office (Megan's Law grant LLE 19-04)

R2005-342 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$2,642 – Megan's Law LLE 19-04)

R2005-343 Resolution Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey Grant Programs Administered by the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy

R2005-344 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter, 159, P.L. 1948 (\$15,000 – Salem Comprehensive Child Passenger Safety Program)

Mr. Ware moved for adoption of the four resolutions with Mr. Bobbitt seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7/0.

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Timberman, Sullivan, Bestwick

R2005-345 Resolution Adopting Guidelines for the Town Center Revitalization Fund

R2005-346 Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2005-295 Awarding a Contract for Real Estate Appraisals for Farmland with Preliminary Approval for Easement Purchase to LeGore and Jones Appraisal Service, to Kay and Associates, to McHale & Assoc., and to Edward T. Molinari, SRA

R2005-347 Resolution for the Appointment of a Member to the South Jersey Traffic Safety Alliance (G. Richard Gatanis)

R2005-348 Resolution Rejecting all Submitted Bids for Railroad Track Materials for the County of Salem (Railroad Construction Company, Inc. - \$52,700)

R2005-349 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A;4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$568,902 – Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Funds; WIA Adult - \$209,470; WIA Youth \$211,161; WIA Dislocated Worker - \$148,272)

R2005-350 Resolution Awarding Contracts for Real Estate Surveys for Farmland with Preliminary Approval for Easement Purchase Services for the County of Salem (Fralinger Engineering - \$11,700; Sickels and Assoc. - \$145,665)

Mrs. Timberman moved for adoption of the five resolutions with Mr. Ware seconding her motion. Mrs. Bestwick inquired of Resolution R2005-348 for the reason for rejected bids commenting that she thought the reconstruction of the railroad was an emergency matter. Mrs. Timberman said the bid request was answered by a single bidder for ties for the Oldman's Trestle, with a price 3 to 4 times higher than the estimate. She said the bid will be rebid due to the high material. Mrs. Bestwick inquired of Resolution R2005-345 if the proposed guidelines were the same as the existing Revolving Loan Fund. The Clerk of the Board/Administrator said the guidelines were slightly different and allows grant funds for new business startups with additional requirements. Mrs. Bestwick expressed her concerns that monies were being bonded without projects being identified. The Clerk of the Board/Administrator said funds were not being bonded through this resolution, but the Resolution simply affirmed the recommendation of the Revolving Loan Fund Loan Board. Mrs. Bestwick requested amendment of the Resolution to strike the final "Whereas" clause requesting that projects be identified first before bonding monies for the program. The Director referred the matter to the Solicitor. Mr. Simmermon inquired of the "should or shall" wording of page 205 #4 of the guidelines. The Solicitor said the original board should make a determination. Mrs. Timberman affirmed that the Revolving Loan Fund Loan Board will take this request under advisement at their next meeting. Mr. Ware motioned to table Resolution R2005-348 with Mrs. Bestwick seconding his motion. The motion to table carried with a vote of 7/0. The motion for adoption of the resolutions R2005-346 through R2005-350 carried a vote of 7/0.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE – Bobbitt, Timberman, Sparks

R2005-351 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Marlton Road, County Road #636 in the Borough of Woodstown and Township of Pilesgrove County of Salem

R2005-352 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic South Main Street, County Road #672 in the Borough of Woodstown, County of Salem

R2005-353 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Professional Services Contract for Construction Management Services (\$72.00/hour – Damiano-Long Engineers, LLC)

R2005-354 Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Provision of a 2005 Crown Victoria for the County of Salem (\$23,696 – Winner Ford)

R2005-355 Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Provision of a 2005 Chevy Suburban 2500 ¾ Ton 4WD LS for the County of Salem (\$32,089 – Hertrich Fleet Services)

R2005-356 Resolution Approving an Inter Local Government Services Agreement with Pittsgrove Township for Phase I of a Bicycle Path

R2005-357 Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications for the Rehabilitation of South Main Street Bridge over Memorial Lake, County Bridge #1700-448 County Road #672, Borough of Woodstown for the County of Salem

R2005-358 Resolution Awarding a Contract for the 2005 Road Resurfacing Paving Program for the County of Salem along with Alternate #1 and Alternate #2

R2005-359 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for State Aid to Counties under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2006

Mr. Bobbitt moved for adoption of the nine resolutions with Mrs. Timberman seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7/0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Simmermon inquired of copies of Freeholder Meeting tapes for this year. County Counsel said the topic was a matter for closed session since it dealt with pending litigation with Mr. Simmermon consenting.

Mrs. Bestwick said she attended a Salem Community College Board meeting stating a new grant funded program expanded the existing License Practical Nurse (LPN) program into a Registered Nurse (RN) program. She said students interested in being an RN can now study in Salem County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. James Lanier of 205 7th Street in Salem City inquired if the grievance (note: reference minutes of 7/20/2005) had been settled yet. Director Sullivan said grievance steps are very long. Alex Conaway identified himself as Mr. Lanier's son, said his mother was still in Salem County Nursing Home and was not ambulatory but wished to go to an outside church. He said the family could not provide that service.

Mr. Ed Henna of 54 Waterview Drive in Pilesgrove inquired of his 17% rise in municipal taxes in one year. Director Sullivan said the Pilesgrove reevaluation was seven years old and that there was zero County tax rate increase over the past three years. He said each municipality has an equalization chart which raises taxes and that property values went up.

Ms. Katherine Henna said their home's taxes rose \$13,000 which is more than the home's interest on the mortgage. She said the costs were double of Bucks County. Mrs. Timberman said that ratables have been lost and that the County has a smart growth plan to bring business back to appropriate areas as business needs infrastructure.

Mr. Joe Fedora of Alloway Township inquired if the townships will be notified of the County auction. Director Sullivan said that they were routinely notified as participants through the cooperative purchasing group.

Ms. Rose Smith of Pennsville Township expressed her concern of rising taxes due to being a senior citizen on a fixed income.

CLOSED SESSION

R2005-360 Resolution Authorizing the Exclusion of the Public from a Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Salem

Mr. Ware moved for adoption of the resolution at 8:30 PM with Mr. Bobbitt seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a vote of 7/0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Upon completion of closed session, Director Sullivan announced the Board was back in open session at 9:21 PM. Mr. Ware moved for adjournment of the meeting, with Mr. Bobbitt seconding his motion. With the motion properly moved, seconded and approved by all seven members, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.